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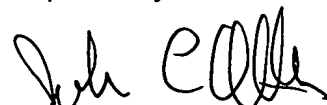
In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(3), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith. English Abstracts are attached to the references.

The references were cited in the European Search Report issued in the corresponding EP Application No. EP 04 00 8872. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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